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SUBJECT: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPENSATING FOR SIDE EFFECTS  
OF CROSS-GAIN MODULATION IN AMPLIFIED OPTICAL NETWORKS

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY CLAIM**  
**UNDER 35 USC 119(e)**

Applicants hereby request a claim for priority for the above-noted patent application  
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